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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,
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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS. E, T, M, AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

I HAD A 1-1/2 HOUR BREAKFAST WITH CHUCK PERCY TO DISCUSS OUR
DIFFERENCES ON NUCLEAR EXPORT LEGISLATION AND SEE WHETHER
THERE WAS ANY ROOM FOR COMPROMISE. PERCY ASSURED ME THAT HE
AND HIS SENATE COLLEAGUES WERE PREPARED TO GIVE ON SOME OF
THE FUNDAMENTAL POINTS WHICH I RAISED INCLUDING THE NEED FOR
PARALLEL ACTION ON THE NUCLEAR FUEL ASSURANCE ACT WHICH WAS
STALLED IN THE SENATE. WE AGREED THAT HE WOULD PICK UP THE
NEGOTIATIONS IN DETAIL WITH BOB FRI.

HE MET SUBSEQUENTLY WITH FRI AND THEY CAME TO TENTATIVE
AGREEMENT ON SEVEN AREAS OF COMPROMISE WHICH PENDING WORK-
ING OUT LANGUAGE APPEARS TO GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING

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OUR REQUIREMENTS. PERCY'S SUGGESTION OF COMBINING THE

NUCLEAR FUELS ASSURANCES ACT WITH THE NUCLEAR EXPORT BILL OFFERS HOPE OF SOLVING THE EMBARGO PROBLEM. WE ARE WORKING WITH FRI TONIGHT IN ANTICIPATION OF A FURTHER MEETING TOMORROW WITH PERCY FOR THE NEXT STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS.

I PARTICIPATED IN THE WELCOMING CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR LIBERIA PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. IN THE EVENING I ATTENDED THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. TOLBERT.

ART HUMMEL AND FRED IKLE CAME BY TO DISCUSS THEIR TESTIMONY TOMORROW BEFORE THE SYMINGTON COMMITTEE ON TAIWAN REPROCESSING AND THE POSSIBLE PROBLEM POSED BY SEPARATE TESTIMONY IN CLOSED SESSION BY GEORGE BUSH. I COORDINATED WITH HAL SONNENFELDT AND HE WILL TALK TO BUSH TO REQUEST THAT STATE BE REPRESENTED AT HIS TESTIMONY TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

I PARTICIPATED IN PHIL HABIB'S LUNCHEON FOR FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN OF MALAYSIA. HE WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN OUR POSITION ON COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND THE COMMON FUND. I EXPLAINED THE BASIS FOR OUR CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND OUR OPPOSITION TO THE COMMON FUND AS IT WAS CONCEIVED BY THE G-77. HIS REACTION WAS POSITIVE AND I FELT THAT HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN BLUNTING THE LDC ATTACK ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH WE CERTAINLY WILL FACE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. WE MIGHT WELL CONSIDER AN ORCHESTRATED EFFORT ON THE COMMON FUND QUESTION ALONG THESE LINES WITH OTHER G-77 MODERATORS PRIOR TO THE UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER.

I RECEIVED THE FRG AMBASSADOR WHO PRESENTED A FORMAL REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE BUY AMERICAN ACT SURCHARGE ON A PENDING U.S. COAST GUARD PROCUREMENT OF A GERMAN/DUTCH MANUFACTURED PATROL AIRCRAFT.

UK AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM CAME IN TO DEFEND THE UNILATERAL UK NOTICE REDUCING THE WINTER FREQUENCIES OF CHICAGO - LONDON AND MIAMI - LONDON FLIGHTS. HE ARGUED THAT THIS

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ACTION WAS SANCTIONED BY RECENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT IN THAT THE UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS APPLIED EQUALLY TO BRITISH AS WELL AS U.S. AIRLINES ON THESE ROUTES AND WAS BASED ON A CLEAR EXCESS OF CAPACITY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS. I URGED FAVORABLE UK CONSIDERATION OF COUNTER-PROPOSALS BY TWA AND NATIONAL AIRLINES AS A WAY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

RAMSPOTHAM ALSO DELIVERED A NOTE SUPPORTING THE FRG REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE BUY AMERICAN ACT SURCHARGE ON THEIR PROPOSED SALE OF COASTAL PATROL AIRCRAFT AND URGING THAT THE USG APPLY ITS OFT-PROCLAIMED FREE MARKET DOCTRINE IN THIS CASE. ROLLS ROYCE ENGINES ACCOUNT FOR 35 OF THE VALUE OF THE GERMAN AIRCRAFT.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: MET WITH FRED BROWN.

P - PHILIP C. HABIB

I APPEARED BEFORE THE HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY ON OUR PENDING ARMS SALES REQUESTS. AS EXPECTED THE SESSION FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON SAUDI ARABIA WITH ROSENTHAL IN AN INQUISITOR'S ROLE. YOU WILL BE GETTING A MESSAGE ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE SESSION.

ALSO DURING THE DAY, I WORKED WITH ARA ON THE APPARENT ASSASSINATION THIS MORNING OF FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR LETELIER. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU RECOMMENDATIONS SEPARATELY.

I HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN. CHUCK ROBINSON AND ART HUMMEL ALSO ATTENDED.

AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN TO SOMALIA CAME BY FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA AND DJOUBOUTI. ED LITTLE DROPPED BY TO DISCUSS HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF.

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